

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 08/10/2010 has been entered.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 4-10, 13-20, 23-25, 28-31, 34-37, 40-44, 47-49, 52-55, 58-62, 64, 65, 68-72, 74 and 75 are pending and have been examined.
2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 05/03/2010 was considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Frommer on 10/01/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 19 line 1 insert --"non-transitory"-- between "A" and "computer-readable."

In claim 30 line 1 insert-- "non-transitory"-- between "A" and "computer-readable."

In claim 43 line 1 insert --"non-transitory" --between "A" and "computer-readable."

In claim 54 line 1 insert --"non-transitory"-- between "A" and "computer-readable."

In claim 75 line 1 insert --"non-transitory"-- between "A" and "computer-readable."

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 4-10, 13-20, 23-25, 28-31, 34-37, 40-44, 47-49, 52-55, 58-62, 64, 65, 68-72, 74 and 75 are allowable because the prior art fails to teach or suggest combining audio and image data with limitation information; the limitation information including a recommended reproduction speed of the audio and image data and a predetermined range of reproduction speeds with a maximum speed of the predetermined range being less than a user selectable speed; limiting a user-selectable reproduction speed to be within the predetermined range wherein the maximum speed of the predetermined range cannot be overridden by a user-selectable speed; and allowing the user to reproduce the audio and image content at a speed within the predetermined range , as recited in the claims.

The closest prior art, Wang (US 2002/0191950), discloses combining an audio and video signal with limitation information limiting the reproduction speed of the content. Wang either singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN SCHNURR whose telephone number is (571)270-1458. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9a-5p.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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